

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A device **[[10]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[1]]** along a fold line **[[2]]** located between a first section **[[3]]** and a second section **[[4]]** of the flat element **[[1]]**, the device **[[10]]** comprising a first impression device **[[5]]** and a second impression device **[[6]]** contacting diverse sides **[[3, 4]]** of the fold line **[[2]]** during folding of the flat element **[[1]]**, wherein the second impression device **[[6]]** is configured such that the contact force between the second impression device **[[6]]** and second section **[[4]]** of the flat element **[[1]]** comprises a first force component standing perpendicular to the plane of the second section **[[4]]**, and comprises a second force component extending in the plane of the second section **[[4]]** and acting in the direction towards the fold line **[[2]]**.

6. (Currently amended) The device **[[10]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[1]]** as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fold line **[[2]]** of the flat element **[[1]]** is produced to facilitate folding, ~~more particularly~~ in the form of a cross-sectional taper and/or perforation.

7. (Currently amended) The device **[[10]]** for folding plate-like elements **[[1]]** as set forth in claim 5 or 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second force component standing in the plane of the second section **[[4]]** and acting in the direction towards the fold line **[[2]]** is a frictional force between the second impression device **[[6]]** and the second section **[[4]]**.

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8. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]]~~ as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein during folding of the flat element ~~[[1]]~~ the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ assumes a stationary position along which the second section ~~[[4]]~~ is guided.

9. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~(1) in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein for use in a continuous operation the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ comprises at least one roller ~~[[6']]~~ which contacts the second section ~~[[4]]~~ during folding.

10. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~(1) in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second impression device ~~[[6]]~~ comprises a set of rollers with rollers ~~[[6]]~~ arranged in a train in the direction of the continuous operation, which contact the second section ~~[[4]]~~ during folding.

11. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]] in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the axes of the rollers ~~[[6']]~~ run substantially parallel to the second section ~~[[4]]~~ and assume no right angle relative to the fold line ~~[[2]]~~ during folding.

12. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[10]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[1]] in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rollers ~~[[6']]~~ can be swiveled about the fold line ~~[[2]]~~ and/or rotated about an axis perpendicular to the second section ~~[[4]]~~ .

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13. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[(10)]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[(1)]]~~ in a continuous operation as set forth in any of the claims any one of claims claim 9 to 12, characterized in that wherein the at least one roller has a rollers- (6') ~~comprise~~ contact surfaces surface having a high friction coefficient.

14. (Currently amended) The device ~~[[(10)]]~~ for folding plate-like elements ~~[[(1)]]~~ in a continuous operation as set forth in claim 5 or 9, characterized in that wherein the first impression device ~~[[(5)]]~~ comprises at least one roller ~~[[(5')]]~~ which contacts the first section ~~[[(3)]]~~ during folding.

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